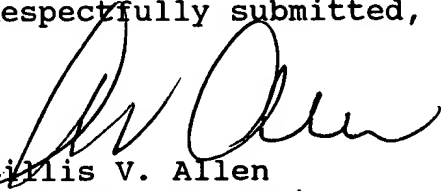


For the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections set forth in the first Office Action of January 15, 2003, be withdrawn and this application be examined promptly on its merits according to the Rules of 37 CFR and the MPEP provisions which both require that reissue applications be examined out or order an in advance of regular applications.

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